

## ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 1 | LESSON 07

### The Pentateuch – The Promise Given Through the Royal Gift Covenant

#### God is a PROMISE Making God

God 1) **CREATES** a place where 2) He will **MEET** with his People 3) for their **JOY**. 4) His People reject Him. 5) God binds Himself through **PROMISE (i.e. The Royal Gift Covenant)** to 6) **RESCUE** His people from their sin and 7) **RESTORE** them to Himself for their **JOY**.

ILLUSTRATION – Do you know what a promise is? A promise is when someone tells you something they will do. They have not yet done it, but they will. **“Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi:** In this classic tale, Pinocchio promises the Blue Fairy that he will be good, go to school, and work hard. His repeated failures to keep his promises lead to various misadventures, teaching the importance of honesty and responsibility.” Like Pinocchio, we make promises all the time. We promise to clean our room, do our homework, rake the yard of leaves, etc. We often are wanting something, but have failed to do what was required of us. Such as, I promise to clean my room tomorrow, if you give me my allowance today. God has made a promise to Israel to deliver them from Egyptian slavery. In their case, they had nothing to do, except believe. They believed God and He kept His promise by delivering them from Egyptian slavery.

VIDEO - Moses and the Red Sea | Stories of the Bible <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5Sj-ZotsXw>

### “I Have Remembered My Covenant”

#### Exodus 6:4, 5

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### “God Redeems His People”

#### Exodus 6:6

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THE HEAD - To Know the Story of how God redeemed His people from Egyptian bondage.  
Q – How does Israel’s deliverance from Egypt picture the Christian’s deliverance from sin and death?

	<p>THE HEART - To Choose the biblical story of Israel's Exodus from Egypt as a picture of the Christians deliverance from sin and death. Q – What happens to the individual who rejects God's provision of the Lamb for their redemption from sin and death?</p>
	<p>THE HAND - To Pray we will accept God's Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world. Q – Have you accepted Jesus as your substitutionary sacrifice from sin and death?</p>

## EMPHASIS

**God is about to rescue His people, destroy His enemies, and restore His people to the place of rest and it will be through a terrifying act of judgment and grace.**

The Seed Promise through Joseph is preserved and protected in Egypt. The Nation will be delivered out of Egypt. Israel's deliverance from Egypt is a type or shadow of the future anti-type and substance found in the ultimate fulfilment of the Seed Promise in Jesus and the deliverance He brings.

God hears the cries and sees the bondage of His people and responds. The Response of God is rooted in His faithfulness to fulfill His covenant promises with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3 compare Exodus 6:4, 5).

Regardless of an insecure leader (Moses), an obstinate people (Israel), an oppressive empire (Egypt), or a powerful army, God is faithful and able to redeem.

## LITERARY CONTEXT

In our present study, we are in chapters 4:18-15:21.

### 1. God **Remembers** His People in Egypt (1:1-2:25)

Let us begin by remembering the *Story* as to why God created us in the first place. God created us so that we would know and experience the joy He has within Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and this joy is only known and experienced in His presence.

The Covenant God gave to Adam and Eve is a ROYAL GIFT COVENANT. God is gifting them with a mediator, a redeemer. This mediator will come from the WOMAN'S SEED (Gen. 3:15) and provide a substitutionary, voluntary blood sacrifice (Gen. 3:21) that will efficaciously restore them into His presence for their joy.

The presence of God equals blessing and joy. The absence of God equals cursing and despair.

### 2. God **Redeems** His People from Egypt (4:18-15:21)

Their “redemption” from Egypt is part of the ROYAL GIFT COVENANT and not part of a VASSAL TREATY. Like the cross for the New Testament believer, their Exodus from Egypt becomes a defining event for the OT believer.

3. God **Sustains** His People in the Wilderness (15-18)

4. God **Instructs** His People at Mt. Sinai (19:1-40:38)

This covenant between God and the Nation of Israel is a VASSAL TREATY. There are stipulations for the benefit or cursing of either compliance or non-compliance. It is a cause and effect TREATY.

## **HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

The historical context reaches back 500 years to the patriarch of this nation, Abraham. YHWH singles out this man as the start of the long journey in fulfilling the purposes and plans he has to redeem the race of man and restore the relationship that was broken by sin. The covenant YHWH makes with Abraham (a royal gift covenant) promises that he will be the patriarch of a great nation that YHWH will use to become a blessing to all the nations. This will culminate in the gift of his one and only Son who will fulfill the promise made in Genesis 3:15 as the serpent crusher (seed promise) by becoming the sacrificial substitute foreshadowed in Genesis 3:21 (blood picture [cf. Gen. 22]).

Currently, Israel is enslaved by the Egyptians. Yahweh has heard the cries of His people and he sees them in their suffering. He has risen up Moses to lead his people from their captors and into the land that he promised so many years ago. This is the part of the story where Yahweh seeing and hearing leads to Yahweh doing something about it.

## **BIBLICAL CONTEXT**

God remembered the covenant he made with Abraham (Genesis 12, 15, 17, and 22), Isaac (Genesis 21:12, 26:1-5), and Jacob (Genesis 25:19-23; 27; 32:22-32; 35:1-15). God reveals himself and his purposes to Abraham (Genesis 15:12-16). As Moses and Aaron revealed to the nation of Israel God's purposes and presence (i.e. name/character), their response was the same as Abraham's - they believed (Exodus 4:31; cf. Genesis 15:6).

The Exodus of God's people out of Egypt is “the greatest redemptive event in the Old Testament,” says Don Carson.<sup>1</sup> This event becomes the reference point for the nation. Thirty-nine times the phrase “out of Egypt” occurs in the Bible. “So, the exodus is the greatest redemptive event in the Old Testament to which subsequent revelation points to again and again and again.”<sup>2</sup>

## **STRUCTURE**

**God is about to rescue His people, destroy His enemies, and restore His people to the place of rest and it will be through a terrifying act of judgment and grace.**

I. The Promise Affirmed (6:1-13)

Because **God remembers His covenant** (6:5, 8)

1. He will bring His people out from under the burdens of the Egyptians
2. He will deliver His people from slavery,
3. He will redeem His people with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment,

God uses three means of redeeming His people from Egyptian bondage.

II. God's Redeems His People Through Plagues (7:1-10:29)

God controls nature and uses nature to deliver His people. Each one of the plagues attacks individual deities worshipped by the Egyptians.

- A. Water turned to blood (7:14-25)
- B. Frogs (8:1-15)
- C. Gnats (8:16-19)
- D. Flies (8:20-32)
- E. Death of Livestock (9:1-7)
- F. Boils (9:8-12)
- G. Hail (9:13-35)
- H. Locusts (10:1-20)
- I. Darkness (10:21-29)

Through the Plagues, God **comforts** His people and **crushes** His enemies.

III. God's Redeems His People Through Passover (11:1-12:42)

- A. Final plague threatened (11:1-10)
- B. The Passover Lamb and instructions (12:1-28)
- C. Death of the Firstborn (12:29-32)
- D. The Exodus (12:33-42)

IV. God's Redeems His People Through the Parting of Red Sea (14:1-31)

- A. Pharaoh's heart hardened (14:1-9)
- B. Parting of the Red Sea (14:10-31)

# JESUS IN THE TEXT

## Jesus does two things for us.

- First, He takes the judgment as the firstborn. He bears our sin and guilt (Isa. 53:4-6; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24).
- Second, He is the atoning, propitiating, and expiating sacrifice that enables the death angel to pass over us (Rom. 3:19-26).

The gospel and grace aren't excuses for non-compliance to the working of God. It is us reflecting on what we deserve that we raise our hearts and hands in gratitude and worship.

The Exodus event is a shadow of something more. The Passover is a shadow or type of something future. What was done looked forward. What we do looks backward.

- 1 Cor. 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.  
**For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:**

God has done everything necessary for His people to live. Will we believe God and accept His promise of a SEED and accept His picture through BLOOD?

The Book of Exodus provides a vivid picture of God's redemptive activity in the Passover Lamb and Exodus from Egypt through the parting of the Red Sea. The path to the Passover Lamb will be through the nine preceding plagues.

This story adds to both the seed promise and blood picture story arcs.

- Seed Promise: God acted when he saw the oppression of his people and took steps to rescue them. Out of all nations, God chose Israel and out of all peoples God redeemed Israel.
- Blood Picture: One of the best examples of blood picture can be found in Exodus account of the Passover Lamb. This account displays how God's redemptive purposes are brought about through sacrifice. As a result of the death of innocent lambs, a whole nation gains its freedom. Jesus eats this same meal whereby remembering this event with his disciples. Rather than placing the focus of this meal on the sacrificed lamb, Jesus emphasizes **His** broken body and **His** shed blood. Jesus points to himself as being the greater spotless Lamb, who is introducing a greater Passover, and sparing the lives of all who find refuge under his blood.

Just like Yahweh would not let Pharaoh have the final word in regards to his promises, He will not let sin and death have the final word in your life. Jesus single handedly takes on the powers of sin, death, and evil and brings about their utter defeat. Jesus becomes the Passover lamb that provides deliverance. Jesus becomes the one who provided a path through the waters of sin and death and leaves the enemies completely destroyed. In the same way Yahweh redeemed his chosen Israel, Jesus (Yahweh made flesh) redeemed the whole world.

## APPLICATION

- God is **faithful** and He is **able**.
- God's plans and purposes cannot be thwarted by any earthly power and He will always have the victory.
- Jesus as the fulfillment of the SEED PROMISE and the completion of the BLOOD PICTURE fully and finally **rescues His people, destroys His enemies, and restores His people to the place of rest and it will be through a terrifying act of judgment and grace.**

Everything in the universe is being done to fulfill the plans and purposes of God. Amazingly, God allows us to be a part of that process and play a role in the divine narrative. Just like God used Israel to display his acts of power and redemption, God is using the Church to display his acts of power and redemption to the world. The Church is part of God's plan and we can walk in confidence that God's purposes will not fail no matter the obstacles.

## VISUALS

## MEMORY VERSE

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## RESOURCES

## ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/exodus-understanding-one-of-the-bibles-major-themes>

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